

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 92-481-C - ORDER NO. 92-989

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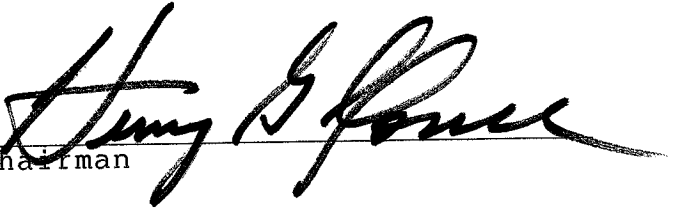
IN RE: Application of American Wats, )  
Inc. for a Certificate of Public ) ORDER DENYING  
Convenience and Necessity to ) REQUEST FOR  
Operate as a Reseller of Telecom- ) INTERIM AUTHORITY  
munications Services within South )  
Carolina and for Interim Authority. )

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of American Wats, Inc. (American Wats or the Company) for "interim authority to provide those services that are not the subject of serious controversy" pending a hearing on the Company's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The Commission denies American Wats' request for interim authority.

South Carolina Code Ann. §58-9-280 (1976) provides that "[n]o telephone utility shall begin the construction or operation of any telephone utility plant or system...without first obtaining from the Commission a certificate that public convenience and necessity require or will require such construction or operation." This

Commission knows of no authority which allows it to approve interim authority. Therefore, the Commission denies American Wats' request for interim authority.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

(SEAL)